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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

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T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East,

Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

### NOTICE.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID THERE AT ONOR with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

p. Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, May 28, 1879.

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(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.

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E. G. VOUILLEMONT,

Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

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THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 3 " 2 per cent. "

" 1 " 1 per cent. "

" 0 " 0 per cent. "

## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract.—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING-HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILLS, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to

Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON,

Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the Year ending December 31st 1878, and for the SIX MONTHS from January 1st to June 30th 1879; in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the Portion of PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTIONS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to October 31st next, will be adjusted by the Company and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 24, 1879. oc31

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

## NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. ON THE NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

## NOTICE.

HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE House, Queen's Road Central, are Open Daily for the use of MEMBERS from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Special Days—TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, from 12 to 1.30 and 4 to 4.30 p.m.

Applications for admission as Members to be addressed to

E. GEORGE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, June 18, 1879.

## Notices to Consignees

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtsie.

AME (in diamond) Nos. 16/17, Or. 2 cases T. J. .... Flannel, from L'don.

Ex Peiho.

Messrs Wysing & Co., 1 case Samples, from London.

S. .... 1 parcel Samples, from M. (in diamond) Shanghai.

Messrs Tata & Co., 1 parcel Tea Musters, from Shanghai.

Ex Sinch.

E (in diamond) Nos. 1/48, 48 cases Sheet Anony. .... 1 lead, Or., from L'don.

H.W. No. 11,086, 2 cases Hard Ware, Messrs Landstein & Co., from Marseilles.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, August 29, 1879.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

AGNES MUL, British ship, Capt. James Lowe.—Meyer & Co.

MADAG, British 3-m. schooner, Capt. J. Miller.—Turner & Co.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship "GLENCOE,"

Captain GULLAND, shortly expected from SINGAPORE, will be despatched as above on or about 5th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, September 1, 1879. sc5

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship "DIAMANTE,"

Capt. THEBAUD, shortly due, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 1, 1879.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "OXFORDSHIRE,"

Captain JONES, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 1, 1879.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—

Per Charlton, at noon To-morrow, the 2nd inst., instead of as previously notified.

Per Olympia, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 8th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.—

Per Douglas, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 3rd September.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Peiho* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 2nd September, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.—

The Australian Contract Packet *Bowen*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 6th September, with Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be registered after 1.15 p.m.

The Mails will be closed at 1.30 p.m. Supplementary mail on board with 18 cents *late* till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, August 30, 1879. sc6

NOTICE.

ON and after 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1879, the FIRST-CLASS SALOON FARE to or from HONGKONG and CANTON will be \$8, 50 further notice.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. da COSTA, Secretary, Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company, Limited.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, China Navigation Company, Limited.

Hongkong, September 1, 1879. sc6

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON & PORTS OF CALL.

THE Brit. Str. *Oxfordshire* having arrived,

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 7th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 1, 1879. sc7

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Aug. 31, *Alva*, Portuguese ship, 632, E. A. de Souza, Panang July 31, Mangrove Bank.—BRANDAO & Co.

Aug. 31, *Bua Pan*, Siamese ship, 575, E. Muller, Bangkok Aug. 10, General.—W. H. F. HONO.

Aug. 31, *Krung Thep*, Siamese barque, 488, N. Dührssen, Bangkok Aug. 10, General.—SWIRE & CO.

Aug. 31, *Courier*, French barque, from Whampoa.

Aug. 31, *Werra*, German barque, 932, R. Dinkelburg, London April 21, General.—MELCHERS & CO.

Aug. 31, *Olympia*, German steamer, 783, F. Nagel, Saigon Aug. 26, Rice.—LANDSTEIN & CO.

Sept. 1, *Conquest*, British steamer, 317, F. Elphick, Haiphong Aug. 27, and Hoi-hou.

Sept. 1, *Killarney*, British steamer, 1060, H. C. Neill, Foochow Aug. 31, Tea.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

DEPARTURES.

Aug. 31, *Thales*, for Saigon.

31, *Olaf*, for Port Darwin, &c.

31, *Adria*, for Singapore and Bombay.

31, *Chop-chang*, Chi. g.b., for a cruise.

Sept. 1, *Floral Star*, for Toulon.

1, *Yotung*, for Swatow.

1, *Zambanga*, for Bangkok.

1, *Queen of India*, for Newchwang.

1, *Advance*, for Bangkok.

1, *Fuyew*, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Atalanta, for Hoitow.

Yangtze, for Saigon.

Candace, for Canton.

Annadam, for Canton.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Oxfordshire*, from London, &c., Mr Flanagan, Master Patteson, and 30 Chinese. Per *Conquest*, from Haiphong and Hoi-hou, 244 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Thales*, for Saigon, 100 Chinese.

Per *Olaf*, for Sydney, 2 Europeans, 18 Chinese; for Melbourne, Mrs Shaw.

Per *Yotung*, for Swatow, 28 Chinese.

Per *Zambanga*, for Bangkok, 1 Cabin, and 19 Chinese.

Per *Fuyew*, for Shanghai, 110 Chinese.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Auction.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Mr G. R. Lamast, at his Sales Rooms.

Meetings.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

9 p.m.—Meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618 S.C.

## THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Established A.D. 1841.

香 滾 大 藥 房

A. S. WATSON & Co., FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS, IMPORTERS OF DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, NURSERY REQUIREMENTS, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS OF Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerade, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla Water, and other Aerated Waters.

The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

## BIRTHS.

The Band will play to-morrow evening from 9 o'clock to 11 in the Public Gardens, weather permitting. The following is the programme:

March, ..... Glasgow, ..... Borlisea.  
Overture, ..... Zampa, ..... Harold.  
Selection, ..... Lona, ..... Porella.  
Valse, ..... Die Grillebauer, ..... Strauss.  
Grand Fan, ..... { Voyage to Hongkong, Werner.  
Galop, ..... Berlin, ..... Michaelis.

L. WERNER, Band Master.

We trust there will be no confusion or disappointment this time. The arrangement at present is to this effect:—if it is fair at 8.30 p.m. the Band will proceed to the Gardens and go through their programme. If the weather is such, during the earlier part of the day, as to allow of the lamps being put up, the Gardens will be illuminated; if the weather is such, early in the day, as to prevent this, then chalets Diana's mild rays will be our only light. We reproduce, by request, the description we previously gave of Herr Werner's artistic production, "The Voyage to Hongkong" which is to be played to-morrow evening for the first time:—

Gun Fire. Reveille. Soldier's Dream. Fall-in. Bugle and rush of men to fall in. "Quick March." Bands playing the Regiment to the railway station. First Band playing "The Girl I left behind me," second Band "The Old Folks at Home," the third Band "Home sweet Home." Regiment arrives at the railway station: "Halt." Train ready to start. Steam Guard's and Engine's whistles heard. Train starts slowly and arrives at place of embarkation. Steam and whistle again heard. Regimental band plays the Regiment to the steamer:—"Good bye, sweet-heart." Steamer going down the river. Imitation of Engine. Imitation of Sea-birds. The land fades from sight:—"Isle of Beauty, fare thee well." Concert at Sea. Song:—"Near thee; Near thee." Air with clarinet; flute and cornet variations. "Mazurka" etc. Then, storm at sea. The captain's word of command is heard: the sailors shouting "Hoy Hoy," the boatswain's whistle; children crying, and alarm bell. The storm abates: Calm. Thanksgiving. Himalaya Polka. Land sighted. Air, "Cheer boys, cheer." Finale.

ADVICE to hand by the steamer *Conquest* report matters to be quiet at the port of Pakhoi for the present, thanks to the timely arrival of H. M. gun-vessel *Midge*. Her presence appears to excite the native mind to some extent, while the rowdy elements are said to be increasing and preparing to fight. It is alleged, but with what justice we cannot as yet say, that a missionary quarrel is at the bottom of the troubles, in which case the "photographic" incident which was previously mentioned could not have been the sole cause of the excitement. The native officials have assumed their customary role of helplessness, or pretend that the popular feeling is too strong for them. It would not be inappropriate, we think, if the opportunity furnished by this rising should be taken, to obtain a thorough understanding upon affairs generally at Pakhoi. The question of transit-passes and other trivial matters have long been in an unsatisfactory position. Why not clear up the atmosphere generally in that quarter? Such, as we have invariably contended, can always be done by a mere stiffening of the upper lip. Let this now be done. It is not expected that the *Midge* will leave Pakhoi for some weeks at least.

RUMOURS are afloat in Japan to the effect that many choice articles have been presented by his Imperial Majesty, and by officials of various departments of the Government, to Mr Hennessy. The value of these presents is said to be considerable; "how much," say the *Gazette*, "we are afraid to mention." Our contemporary believes the rumours to be baseless, and holds that it is very necessary for the honour of British officials that they should be set at rest by official contradiction. Now, in the Rules and Regulations for Her Majesty's Colonial Service, there is a chapter specially devoted to this matter; the three clauses are clear and distinct on the point:—

1. Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, and all other Servants of the Crown in a Colony are prohibited from receiving Presents offered for their personal acceptance by Kings, Chiefs, or other Members of the Native population, in or neighbouring to such Colony.

2. When such Presents cannot be absolutely refused without giving offence, they are to be delivered up to the Government. To this rule there can be no exception, unless with the express sanction of the Secretary of State.

3. When Presents are exchanged between Governors or other Officers acting on behalf of the Colonial Government in ceremonial intercourse with Native Chiefs, Rulers, or others, the Presents received must be credited to the Government, and such return Presents, as may be sanctioned by the Secretary of State, will be given at the Government expense.

These rules would prevent Mr Hennessy receiving for himself, unless with the special consent of Sir Michael Hickie-Beach, the suit of Japanese armour and the magnificent sword which were said to have been presented to him when he took his leave of the Mikado and Empress the other day. But even were there no rule on the subject, any one with much less perception than Mr Hennessy is blessed with would still have the sense to see that taking into consideration the whole circumstances surrounding his visit to

Japan, it would be monstrously bad form to accept presents from the Emperor or any of his officers; and the greater the intrinsic value of the presents the greater the heinousness of the offence. We do trust these rumours, which are dangerous and distressing to a degree, will be promptly denied by Mr Hennessy. Any allegation of such a grave official scandal as this would be just the very thing to attract the attention of Parliamentarian men at home; and if there is no truth in these statements whatever, it would be well not to be responsible for the long-suffering House troubling its already over-troubled head about the matter. The *Gazette* adds:

As it is strictly prohibited to any officer in the diplomatic and colonial services to accept any decoration or gift of any description from the hand of any foreign sovereign without her Majesty's consent being first obtained, we feel sure Mr Hennessy, looking to the official character some members of the Japanese Government have chosen to invest his visit with, would certainly decline the honour intended to be done him, and for this reason we think the rumours are without foundation. If it were otherwise the reputation of the British Civil Service would be tarnished, for Mr Hennessy while here has not taken any trouble to convince those Japanese officials who have made use of him for their own ends, that he is merely a private gentleman, without any influence whatever outside of his Colonial Government, and absolutely powerless to sway, in any degree, the position taken up by the British Minister. On the contrary, Mr Hennessy has made use of his official position to add force to his words of advice to the Japanese public upon trade, friendships, &c., &c. To hear it said that the Governor of an English crown colony had, in addition to a reception of a very costly nature accorded to him by the Imperial Government, accepted presents of high money value, is truly distressing.

THE following is the full form of the telegram about the reinstating of Capt. Carey, as it was received at Singapore:—

London, Aug. 22.—The *Times*, in a leading article, announces that the proceedings against Lieutenant Carey have been quashed and that he will retain his rank.

Sir Garnet Wolseley arrived at Rorko's Drift on 3rd instant.

Cetywayo has established a kraal north of the Black and Umvolozi rivers with a small following.

THE following paragraph is from the Straits Times to hand to-day:—

Rumour has it that Mr Pope Hennessy will shortly receive the honor of Knighthood. Mr Pope Hennessy, when asked whether he would care for "the bubble," previous to his departure for Hongkong, declined the proffered gift. The reason is obvious; Mr Hennessy aspires to further parliamentary honours and is keenly alive to the hope that he will, at some future date, represent Cork County in the Imperial Parliament and Cork people, in their radical tendencies, have a particular horror of returning as a popular member a recreant who may have accepted honour at the hands of his Queen. As member for King's County in the House of Commons some fourteen years ago Mr Hennessy was a great success, and, with the experience which he has gained as Governor of several Colonies he will be looked upon as a respected authority on Colonial matters and his abilities will always command attention in that "Assembly of gentlemen."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE HONGKONG HUMANE SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Sir,—I read Mr P. H. Emanuel's letter and entirely agree with it. I do not work for public praise. I merely wish to do all I can for the public benefit in the hour of need, and I am sure that every member of the Humane Society works with the same object and are all equally deserving of praise, as all members of voluntary societies are.

A. WOHLTERS,  
Foreman, Humane Society.

[While admiring Mr Wohlters' modesty, we fail to see how the correspondence affects our remarks of Friday. The question was simply one of efficiency, not of willingness to be of service.—ED. C. M.]

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the report of the directors to the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the offices, Club Chambers, on Wednesday, the 3rd instant at 3 p.m.:—

#### TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

GENTLEMEN.—The directors have much pleasure in laying before you their report with a Statement of Accounts for the half year ending 30th June last.

The Gross Earnings for the six months amount to \$265,328.65, on which there is a profit of \$67,415.88 to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account ..... 2,651.15

making available ..... \$70,067.03 of which the directors would command the following distribution, viz.:—

A dividend for the half year of four per cent ..... \$40,000.00

Bonus to contributing shareholders ..... 6,000.00  
Directors' fees ..... 2,500.00  
Auditors' fees ..... 250.00

Leaving a balance of ..... \$21,317.03

Out of this sum the directors propose to place \$15,000 to Reserve Fund, and to carry forward the balance \$6,317.03 to new account.

The establishments of the company have been fully employed during the six months under review, and although the gross earnings are less, on account of the low tariff now charged for docking and repairing vessels, yet the number of ships docked, and the actual amount of work done, are con-

siderably in excess of any previous half year. By the improved machinery lately introduced at Kowloon and the efficient manner in which the works are now conducted, an important saving in time and labour has been effected, giving not only greater satisfaction to the public, but largely increasing the net return of profit to the company.

W. KESWICK, Chairman.

## Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Monday, September 1.

### A MOST REMARKABLE CASE.

Woh A Moi charged her paramour Tsoi A Tim with stealing one pair of earrings on the 31st instant.

The complainant stated that defendant is her paramour and has lived with her for four years; her real husband went to Anam about one year ago. The defendant took up the earrings, yesterday and said he was going to pawn them as to buy opium. She objected to his doing so, when he took up her child, which is by her real husband, and carried him off, saying he was going to sell him. The defendant had already sold a female child which she had by him but did so with her consent. When he left the house she ran after him and called out:—"Kidnapper." She went to the Station with the constable and heard defendant admit that the pawn-tickets found on him related to property he had stolen from her.

P. C. 691 saw the defendant on the Praya Central yesterday, carrying a child in his arms and walking very fast towards the west. He asked him where he was going. Defendant said:—"The child is mine, and I am taking it to Yow-mah-tee." The complainant came up and claimed the child, so he took them all to the Station.

Defendant stated that he lived at Yow-mah-tee with complainant, who is his wife; they have been married more than ten years. He went home for a few days last month, leaving complainant in charge of his shop; on his return he found the shop closed and all his property removed. He made enquiries and found his wife was located in Taipingshan; he went there and asked her to go back with him; she refused. He searched the room and found the earrings and child, which both belong to him; and he was taking them away when he was arrested. His certificate of marriage is in possession of complainant's mother.

Complainant was re-called and said:—"I was living with my husband for three months last year in the Praya; but I do not remember the number of the house. Before that, I lived for six or seven months at Praya West. I have lived four years in Yow-mah-tee and during that time have not left the village. The child in court is five months old. I was married to my husband thirteen years ago in Man Tau; we came to Yow-mah-tee about six years ago; after we had been here a few months my husband went away to Anam and did not return till last year and he went away again last February, after living with me one year. My daughter was two years old, and my husband scolded me for getting her while he was absent. Before my husband returned from Anam the defendant went away and came back again after my husband had left.

The case was remanded till Thursday, to admit of enquiries being made in Yow-mah-tee.

### A SWINDLER CHECKMATED.

Li Aaz was charged with attempting to pawn a brass ring, marked "pure gold," knowing the same to be spurious. The accountant of the pawn-broker's shop told prisoner when he asked to have five taels lent on the ring, that it was brass, and that he would not return the ring to prisoner, unless he went to the Police Station with him. When they went to the Police Station prisoner said that he had bought the ring from a man in the street and had paid \$10 for it, \$4 of his own money and \$7 that his master had given him to buy coal with.

The case was remanded till this morning to allow of prisoner's master being called.

Li Tai, a master quarryman, stated that prisoner was in his employ, and went away on sick leave on the 14th of last month; he never gave the prisoner \$7 to buy coal.

Prisoner said that his master's statement was false and he wished to have last witness's cook, Wo Ki Yan, called to give evidence. He was called and corroborated his master's statement. Prisoner said:—"This witness is not speaking the truth.

His Worship sent accused to gaol for three months with hard labour.

### BONFIRE ON THE STREET.

Wong Hung Chung, a shopkeeper in Second Street, was summoned to appear at the Police Court on Saturday last for making a bonfire in the public street on the 27th ultimo. Defendant failed to appear in answer to the summons, and a warrant was ordered to be issued for his arrest. He appeared this morning, admitted the charge, and gave as his reason for not answering to the summons, that he was busy at the time, so did not come.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$3,—\$2 for not answering to the summons and \$1 for making the bonfire; in default of payment, three days' imprisonment.

### NEW GAMBLING DODGE.

Wong Achu was charged (1) with gambling and causing an obstruction in the Western Market, (2) with using threatening language towards the constable on the way to the Police Station.

P. C. 149 stated that he saw the defendant, with others not in custody, gambling with dominoes in the Western Market, on a hawker's stall. He ordered them to move off, and as they would not do so, he arrested the defendant and took possession of the dominoes and a ten-cent piece. On the way to the station, defendant told the constable that if he gave evidence against him, he would kill him.

Defendant denied the charge, and said the constable snatched the ten-cent piece from the stall, and then accused him of gambling. Defendant is a fishmonger, but has no licensed stall in the market.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$3 for causing the obstruction, in default of payment ten days with hard labor, and to enter into his personal recognisance in \$20 to be of good behaviour for twelve months for using threatening language towards the constable.

### TEN PER CENT. INTEREST.

Len Achin and Li Apat, the former an old woman of 60, the latter a widow of 35, were having a difference in Third

Street, and creating a great disturbance. P. C. 139 came on the scene, when the second defendant accused the first defendant of having cheated her out of over \$1. The first prisoner denied this, and as they kept on making a noise, the constable took them both to the Police Station.

The first defendant said she borrowed \$1 from the second defendant some time ago; the lender wished to have ten cents interest paid on the loan, which the borrower refused to pay.

The second defendant stated that her companion in trouble pledged a young girl with her for \$1 and 10 cents some ten days ago; the girl was taken away by the first defendant's paramour; she wanted to get the sum back; when she asked for it, she got a beating.

His Worship fined them both fifty cents each, in default of payment two days' imprisonment.

### A "JEREMY DODDIE."

Wong A Yau charged (1) with being a rogue and vagabond, and (2) with obtaining goods under false pretences, remanded from the 18th ultimo, was brought up to day.

Since the case was remanded, notices in Chinese have been posted round the Colony to try and obtain further evidence against the prisoner; but nothing further has been found out, and no new arrests made.

Defendant stated, a few days before he was arrested, that he sold a gold ring for \$10, to a cook named Cheng A-wing, on credit; when next he saw him he asked for payment, and was given in charge.

His Worship sentenced the prisoner to six months' imprisonment with hard labor, the first and last fourteen days in solitary confinement, and to be publicly exposed in the steeple for six hours on the day previous to his release from prison.

### (Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket.)

#### A SERIOUS CHARGE UNSUPPORTED.

Joseph Henry, an unemployed seaman, was charged with being concerned in stealing from the person of John Lesselleur, a silver watch, jet chain, a pipe and plug of tobacco and forty-five cents in money.

P. S. Toomey stated: I arrested the prisoner in East Street yesterday morning at the instance of John Lesselleur, who has left this in the *Floral Star* bound for Tournon. Lesselleur was very drunk when he made I was the charge; from enquiries I have made I have reason for believing that the defendant had nothing to do with the robbery. I therefore ask for his discharge.

Defendant, who is a seafaring man staying at the Sailors' Home, was discharged.

### HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Yeung A-ying, farmer, and Lam Sam Kiu, his wife, were charged with being concerned in a highway robbery on the Stanley Road on the 30th ultimo.

Inspector Rivers, from a statement made to him about a robbery that had taken place, sent out the police to make inquiries; the two prisoners were arrested in consequence. After receiving due caution, the prisoners made the following statements:—

Yeung Aying: I am a farmer at Wong-nei-cheong. The complainant, Lai Yuk-lin, came to me and told me he had been robbed and asked me for the loan of a pair of trousers. From what he said I called out more than ten men and searched the hills for the robbers.

Lam Sam-ku, wife of the farmer, stated that she knew nothing of the robbery; she saw the complainant naked and with blood on his face, and heard him ask her husband for the trousers.

Ng Aching, a girl of 12, was collecting vegetable refuse in a garden at Wong-nei-cheong and saw a man coming down the road from Stanley. She recognised him as a son of her aunt's, named Lai Yuk-lin. As the man was crossing the bridge five or six men ran up from the defendant's garden and chased him. When they overtook him they tore his jacket and trousers off him, and, as he resisted violently, one of the robbers took up a stone and struck him on the head with it. A woman who was in a garden close by called out "thieves, police." The defendants were at that time standing in the garden looking on, but did not offer any assistance; some other gardeners came running up to where the man was attacked, the robbers then ran away. After the man who had been assaulted went away in the direction of Wong-nei-cheong, she heard the second defendant call out to four of the robbers, who were sitting on the hill-side, to come down, as the men had gone away. Two of the robbers came down and went into defendant's hut; the defendants stayed in the garden. Witness went home and told her father what she had seen. The Police came soon afterwards and took her, with her father, to the Police Station. Some of the robbers wore blue jackets

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